

Senate Study Bill 1276

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to establishment and implementation of core
2 content standards and a model core curriculum and making an
3 appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 26, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 26. ~~Set a goal of increasing to eighty percent the number~~
~~1 4 of students graduating from all secondary schools in school~~
~~1 5 districts in this state who have successfully completed the~~
~~1 6 core curriculum recommended by the college testing service~~
~~1 7 whose college entrance examination is taken by the majority of~~
~~1 8 Iowa's high school students. The state goal shall be~~
~~1 9 exclusive of students who have special or alternative means~~
~~1 10 for satisfying graduation requirements under individualized~~
~~1 11 educational plans developed for the students. The state board~~
~~1 12 shall require each school district to annually report,~~
~~1 13 beginning with the 2006--2007 school year, the percentage of~~
~~1 14 students graduating from high school in the school district~~
~~1 15 who complete the core curriculum. The school district shall~~
~~1 16 report, in the comprehensive school improvement plan submitted~~
~~1 17 in accordance with subsection 21, how the district plans to~~
~~1 18 increase the number of students completing the recommended~~
~~1 19 core curriculum. Taking into consideration the~~
~~1 20 recommendations of the college testing service whose college~~
~~1 21 entrance examination is taken by the majority of Iowa's high~~
~~1 22 school students, Adopt rules that establish a model core~~
~~1 23 curriculum and requiring, beginning with the students in the~~
1 24 2010==2011 school year graduating class, the requirements for
1 25 high school graduation requirements for all students in school
1 26 districts shall be and accredited nonpublic schools that
1 27 include at a minimum satisfactory completion of four years of
1 28 English and language arts, three years of mathematics, three
1 29 years of science, and three years of social studies. The
1 30 model core curriculum adopted shall address the core content
1 31 standards in subsection 27 and the skills and knowledge
1 32 students need to be successful in the twenty-first century.
1 33 The model core curriculum shall include social studies and
1 34 twenty-first century learning skills which include but are not
1 35 limited to civic literacy, health literacy, technology
2 1 literacy, financial literacy, and employability skills; and
2 2 shall address the curricular needs of students in kindergarten
2 3 through grade twelve in those areas.
2 4 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, Code 2007, is amended by adding the
2 5 following new subsection:
2 6 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt a set of core content standards
2 7 applicable to all students in kindergarten through grade
2 8 twelve in every school district and accredited nonpublic
2 9 school. For purposes of this subsection, "core content
2 10 standards" includes reading, mathematics, and science. The
2 11 core content standards shall be identical to the core content
2 12 standards included in Iowa's approved 2006 standards and
2 13 assessment system under Title I of the federal Elementary and
2 14 Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. } 6301 et seq., as
2 15 amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. No.
2 16 107=110. School districts and accredited nonpublic schools
2 17 shall include the core content standards adopted pursuant to

2 18 this subsection in any set of locally developed content
2 19 standards.
2 20 Sec. 3. Section 279.61, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
2 21 amended to read as follows:
2 22 1. For the school year beginning July 1, ~~2006~~ 2007, and
2 23 each succeeding school year, the board of directors of each
2 24 school district shall cooperate with each student enrolled in
2 25 grade eight to develop for the student a core curriculum plan
2 26 to guide the student toward the goal of successfully
2 27 completing, at a minimum, the model core curriculum developed
2 28 by the state board of education pursuant to section 256.7,
2 29 subsection 26, by the time the student graduates from high
2 30 school. The plan shall include career options and shall
2 31 identify the coursework needed in grades nine through twelve
2 32 to support the student's postsecondary education and career
2 33 options. ~~If the pupil is under eighteen years of age, the~~
2 34 ~~pupil's~~ The student's parent or guardian shall sign the core
2 35 curriculum plan developed with the student and the signed plan
3 1 shall be included in the student's cumulative records.
3 2 Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION == CORE CONTENT STANDARDS
3 3 AND MODEL CORE CURRICULUM. There is appropriated from the
3 4 general fund of the state to the department of education for
3 5 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30,
3 6 2008, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
3 7 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
3 8 For implementation of the core content standards and
3 9 establishment of the model core curriculum in accordance with
3 10 section 256.7, subsections 26 and 27, as amended and enacted
3 11 by this Act:
3 12 \$ 1,500,000
3 13 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
3 14 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close
3 15 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
3 16 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
3 17 the succeeding fiscal year.
3 18 EXPLANATION
3 19 This bill directs the state board of education to adopt
3 20 rules that establish a model core curriculum and core content
3 21 standards. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million from the
3 22 general fund of the state for fiscal year 2007=2008 to the
3 23 department of education for implementation of the core content
3 24 standards and expansion of the model core curriculum. The
3 25 funds do not revert at the close of the fiscal year but may be
3 26 used in the subsequent fiscal year for the purposes
3 27 designated.
3 28 The core content standards will be applicable to all
3 29 students in kindergarten through grade 12 in every school
3 30 district and accredited nonpublic school, and include
3 31 standards for reading, mathematics, and science. The
3 32 standards will be identical to those included in Iowa's
3 33 approved 2006 standards and assessment system under Title I of
3 34 the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as
3 35 amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
4 1 The model core curriculum must address the core content
4 2 standards and the skills and knowledge students need to be
4 3 successful. The model core curriculum must include social
4 4 studies and 21st century learning skills including but not
4 5 limited to civic, health, technology, and financial literacy,
4 6 and employability skills. The curriculum must address the
4 7 curricular needs of students in kindergarten through grade 12.
4 8 The bill also requires that the core curriculum plan
4 9 developed by a student in grade eight and signed by the
4 10 student's parent or guardian be included in the student's
4 11 cumulative records.
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